

# **FISCAL NOTE**

## **SB 2862 - HB 2980**

February 3, 2000

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Permits local boards of education to utilize services of qualified Tennessee licensed private investigation companies in lieu of or in addition to the TBI to conduct background checks on applicants for teacher and other school positions. Authorizes local boards of education to conditionally hire a teacher or other employee as long as the criminal history records check is ordered within five days of the conditional offer of employment. Outlines required elements for a criminal background investigation performed by a third party.

### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Decrease State Expenditures - Not Significant**

**Decrease State Revenues - Not Significant**

**Increase Local Govt. Expenditures - Less than \$100,000 / Permissive**

Assumes:

- to the extent local boards of education choose to use the services of a private investigation company rather than, or in addition to, the TBI they will experience an increase in expenditures for the costs of the private investigation as the act only provides for applicant payment of TBI costs.
- the cost to conduct background checks by a private investigation company or TBI would be comparable to current costs. The cost to conduct a background check by TBI is estimated to be \$48.
- background checks on fewer than 2,000 applicants annually will be performed by private investigation companies.
- the TBI would experience a decrease in revenues and expenditures. These decreases depend on the number of background checks that will not be done by TBI that would have been under current law and are estimated to be not significant.

### **CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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